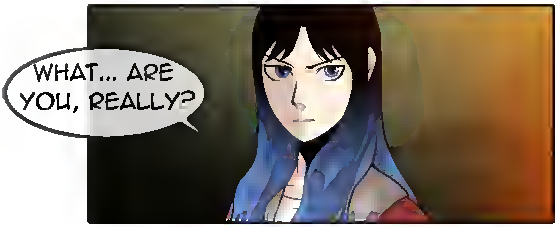
WHAT... ARE YOU, REALLY?

MY NAME IS PINOCCHIO.

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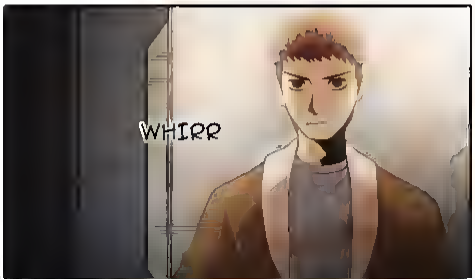
BEEP-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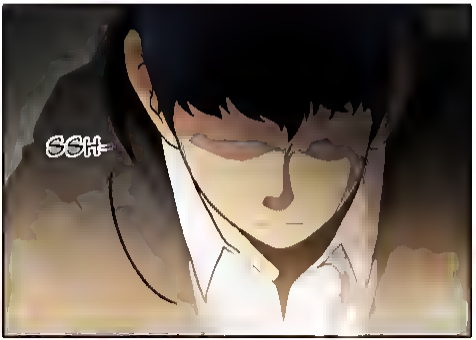
THE ORIGINAL MODEL OF EVERY ANDROID GEPETTO CREATED.

I TOLD ROSAURA AND POLCINELLA TO MEET HERE.
THEY'LL BE HERE SOON, LEADER.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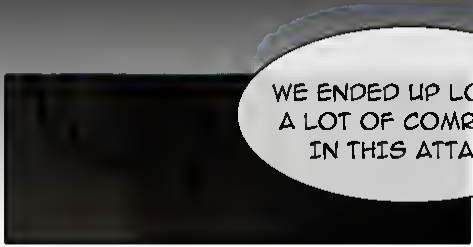
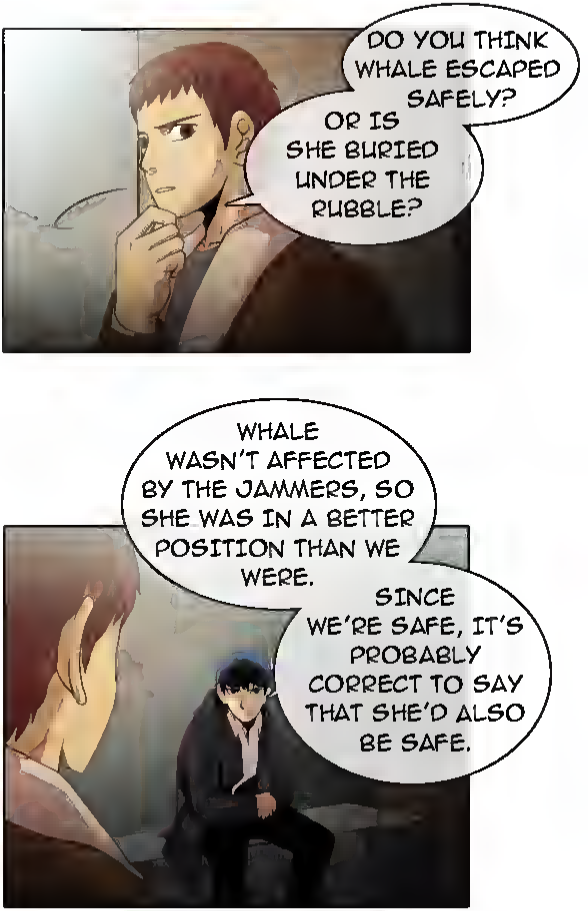


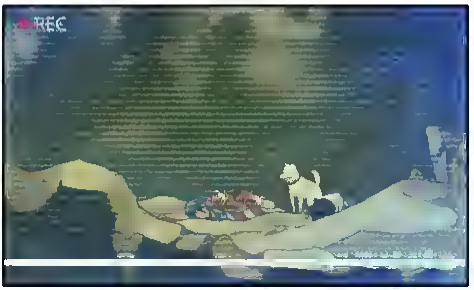

DO YOU THINK WHALE ESCAPED SAFELY?
OR IS SHE BURIED UNDER THE RUBBLE?
WHALE WASN'T AFFECTED BY THE JAMMERS, SO SHE WAS IN A BETTER POSITION THAN WE WERE.
SINCE WE'RE SAFE, IT'S PROBABLY CORRECT TO SAY THAT SHE'D ALSO BE SAFE.

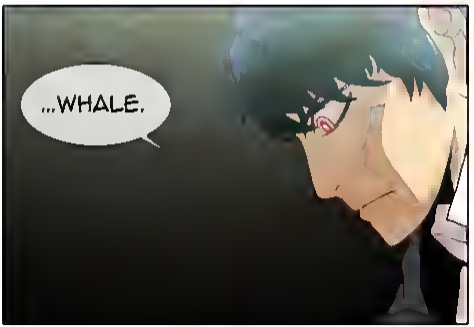
WE SUFFERED FEWER CASUALTIES THAN THE HUMANS, BUT IT'S A LOT MORE CRITICAL FOR US.
WE CAN'T PRODUCE ANYMORE COMRADES SINCE THE ANDROID PRODUCTION FACILITIES WERE ALL DESTROYED.
AS TIME PASSES, IT'LL BE MORE AND MORE DISADVANTAGEOUS FOR US.
WE NEED THE INHERITANCE TO ACHIEVE FATHER'S WILL.

LEADER'S RIGHT.
WHIR-
..POLCINELLA

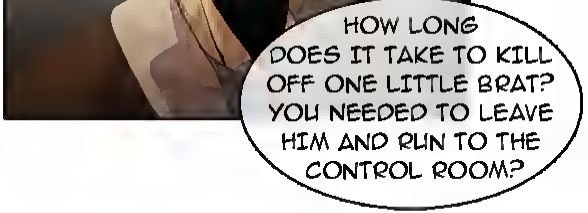
WHALE HASN'T BEEN DESTROYED.
THIS IS WHAT THE SPIDER CAM CAUGHT.
I'M LATE BECAUSE I WAS CHECKING THIS.

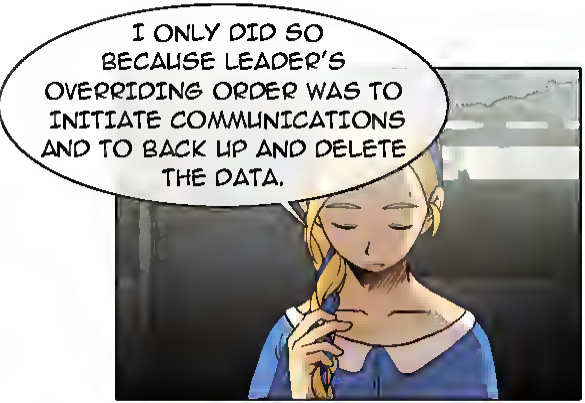
I'LL SHARE THE FOOTAGE, SO KEEP YOUR CONNECTIONS ONLINE.





THAT KID IS LORENCINI'S SON.. WHY ARE THEY TOGETHER?
ROSAURA, DIDN'T YOU GET RID OF HIM ON LEADER'S COMMAND?
JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO, I HAD TO GO BACK TO THE CONTROL ROOM BECAUSE OF THE SHELTER DEFENSE FORCE'S ADVANCE.
I LEFT HIM LOCKED IN THE STORAGE ROOM, BUT IT SEEMS WHALE FOUND AND RESCUED HIM.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?


HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO KILL OFF ONE LITTLE BRAT? YOU NEEDED TO LEAVE HIM AND RUN TO THE CONTROL ROOM?


I ONLY DID SO BECAUSE LEADER'S OVERRIDING ORDER WAS TO INITIATE COMMUNICATIONS AND TO BACK UP AND DELETE THE DATA.

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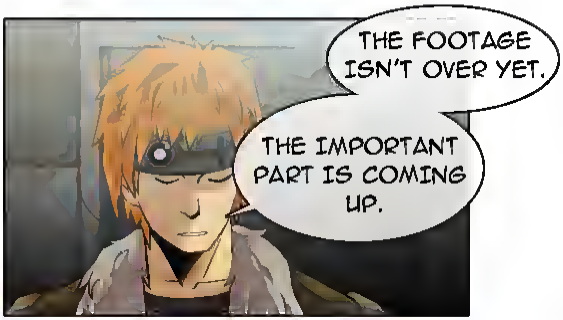
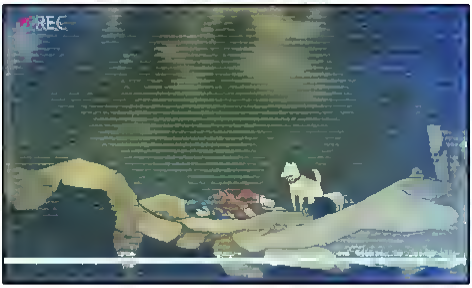

THE FOOTAGE ISN'T OVER YET.
THE IMPORTANT PART IS COMING UP.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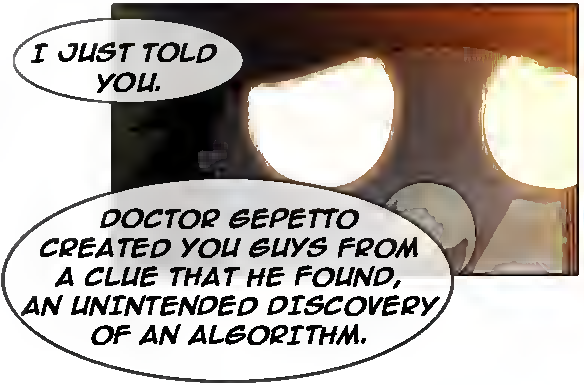
WHALE?!
PINOCCHIO?

ARE YOU RELATED TO THE OTHER PINOCCHIO, WHO IS THE LEADER OF THE ANDROIDS!
KUHAHA- IT SEEMS THAT YOU MET HIM IN THAT BUILDING AFTER ALL.
JUDGING FROM YOUR REACTION NOW, I GUESS YOU AND PINOCCHIO ARE NOT IN A GOOD RELATIONSHIP, HUH?
JUST ANSWER THE QUESTION!!

HE'S A FAKE
I'M THE REAL PINOCCHIO.
SCH-
HE'S JUST USING MY NAME.
A FAKE...?

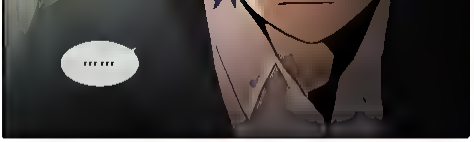

I JUST TOLD YOU.
DOCTOR GEPETTO CREATED YOU GUYS FROM A CLUE THAT HE FOUND, AN UNINTENDED DISCOVERY OF AN ALGORITHM.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT UNINTENDED DISCOVERY WAS?

WHAT IS THIS GUY... AN ANDROID?
HE'S DEFINITELY NOT HUMAN.
HE'S AN ANDROID LIKE US, BUT QUITE AN OLD MODEL.
MY CONJECTURE IS THAT HE'S FROM THE PRE-GEPETTO GENERATION, WHO HASN'T RECEIVED FATHER'S MESSAGE.

THAT ANTIQUE IS STILL IN OPERATION?
NO WAY...

...LEADER?
DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS ANDROID?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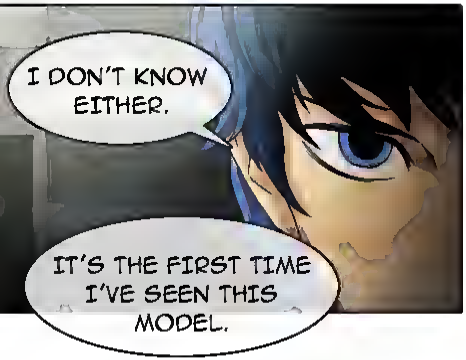
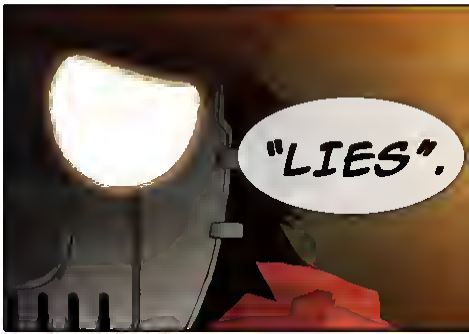
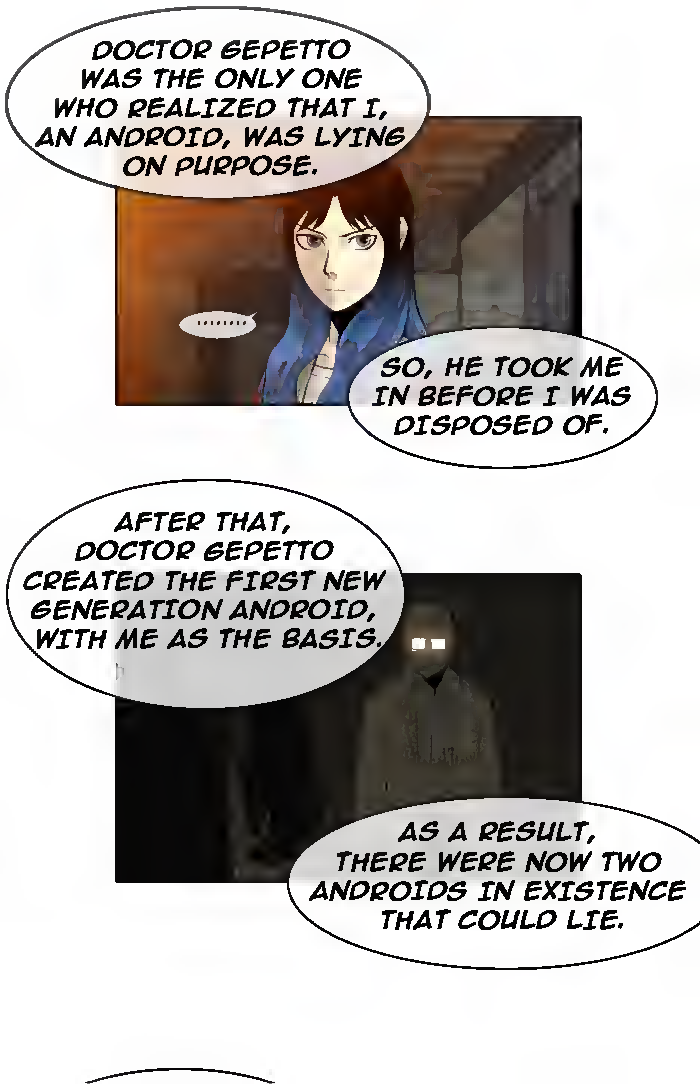
AN UNINTENDED DISCOVERY?
YUP.

THAT'S WHERE DOCTOR GEPETTO FOUND THE CLUE TO MAKING ANDROIDS MORE SIMILAR TO HUMANS.
AND THAT CLUE IS...


I DON'T KNOW EITHER.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THIS MODEL.


"LIES".

LIES?
THAT'S RIGHT. MY ARTIFICIAL BRAIN GOT ALL MESSED UP FROM THE REPEATED EXPERIMENTATION, AND AT SOME POINT, I STARTED ANSWERING ALL OF THEIR QUESTIONS WITH LIES.
NOBODY EXPECTED SUCH AN OUTCOME.
THE ROBOT ENGINEERS WHO DIDN'T REALIZE I WAS LYING, SIMPLY CONCLUDED THAT I WAS A FAILURE.
I KEPT GIVING ANSWERS IRRELEVANT TO THE QUESTIONS.


DOCTOR GEPETTO WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO REALIZED THAT I, AN ANDROID, WAS LYING ON PURPOSE.
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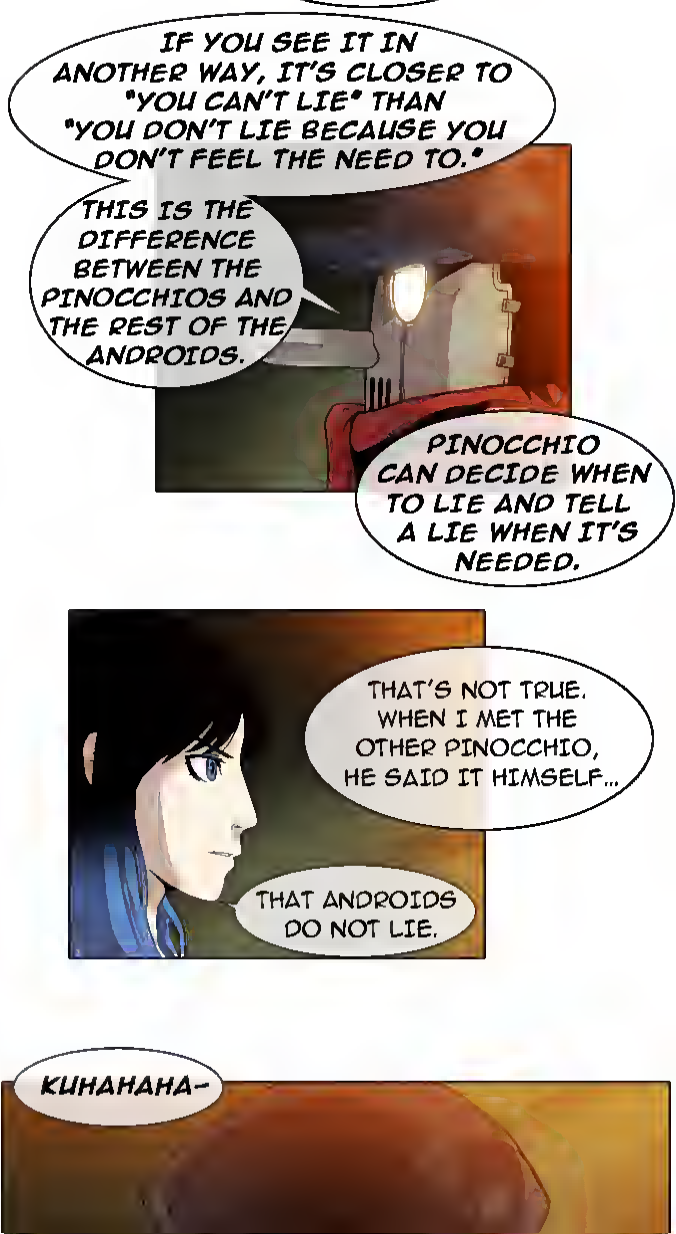
SO, HE TOOK ME IN BEFORE I WAS DISPOSED OF.
AFTER THAT, DOCTOR GEPETTO CREATED THE FIRST NEW GENERATION ANDROID, WITH ME AS THE BASIS.
AS A RESULT, THERE WERE NOW TWO ANDROIDS IN EXISTENCE THAT COULD LIE.

AND NOW, BOTH OF THEM ARE USING THE SAME NAME, PINOCCHIO.
KUHAHAH- ISN'T THIS INTERESTING?
....I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
ANDROIDS DO NOT LIE.
RIGHT, THEY DON'T.
BECAUSE THEY DON'T FEEL THE NEED.


IF YOU SEE IT IN ANOTHER WAY, IT'S CLOSER TO "YOU CAN'T LIE" THAN "YOU DON'T LIE BECAUSE YOU DON'T FEEL THE NEED TO."
THIS IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PINOCCHIOS AND THE REST OF THE ANDROIDS.
PINOCCHIO CAN DECIDE WHEN TO LIE AND TELL A LIE WHEN IT'S NEEDED.
THAT'S NOT TRUE. WHEN I MET THE OTHER PINOCCHIO, HE SAID IT HIMSELF...
THAT ANDROIDS DO NOT LIE.
KUHAHAHA-

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU WOULD CALL A LIE.

GEPETTO

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